

REMARKS

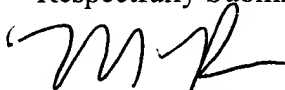
Claims 1-10, 14, 15, 28-31, 40-42, 46, 48, 50, 53, 56, 57, 63-68, 71, 87-89, 93-110 are the pending claims in the present application. Applicants hereby cancel, without prejudice, claims 106 and 110. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following remarks. Issues raised by the Examiner will be addressed below in the order they appear in the prior Office Action.

1. Applicants' amendments to the specification are believed to obviate the objections. Additionally, Applicants note with appreciation the corrections to the specification entered by Examiner's amendment.
2. Applicants note with appreciation that the Examiner has indicated that claims 1-10, 14, 15, 28-31, 40-42, 46, 48, 50, 53, 56, 57, 63-68, 71, 87-89, 93-105, and 107-109 are allowed.
3. Claims 106 and 110 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as claiming the same invention as claims 9 and 26 of US Patent No. 6,444,793. Cancellation of claim 106 and 110 renders this rejection moot.

CONCLUSION

In lieu of Applicants' amendments to the specification, and in light of the substitute sequence listing which accompanies this response, Applicants contend that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable reconsideration is respectfully solicited. The Examiner may address any questions raised by this submission to the undersigned at 617-951-7000. Should an extension of time be required, Applicants hereby petition for same and request that the extension fee and any other fee required for timely consideration of this submission be charged to **Deposit Account No. 18-1945**.

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